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LOK SABHA

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. PATENT APPLICATIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of applications seeking patents are lying pending for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the patents granted/pending by various patent offices during the last three years and the current year and the reasons for delay in granting patent, patent office-wise;

(c) the names of the drugs which have been granted patent during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to dispose of the patent applications at the earliest?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. As on 13th August 2013, 158449 patent applications, where requests for examination have been filed, are pending with the Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks. Patent Office-wise pendency of requests for examination are as under:

Location	Pendency of Requests for Examination.
Chennai	52891
Delhi	57385
Kolkata	29223
Mumbai	18950
Total	158449

The number of patents granted during the last three years and in the current year (upto 31st July, 2013) are as under:-

Financial year	DELHI	MUMBAI	KOLKATA	CHENNAI
2010-11	3498	925	1215	1871
2011-12	1548	741	879	1213
2012-13	1228	666	1138	1094
2013-14 (till 31 July, 2013)	334	139	159	301

Grant of Patents is a quasi-judicial process and tends to be time consuming as it involves various steps, such as, publication of the application, filing of requests for examination, examination of the application and disposal of any pre grant opposition filed. In addition, substantive increase in filing of patent applications in the last ten years as also the relative shortage of patent examiners have been the other reasons for increase in pendency.

(c): The details of the patents granted to the pharmaceutical products during the above period are available on the official website of the office of Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, i.e., www.ipindia.nic.in.

(d): The Government has completed the process of selection of 248 Patent Examiners. Further, at present, processing of patent applications are conducted through Electronic Modules which enable achieving enhanced speed in the examination and final disposal of patent applications and has also improved transparency.